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Kentucky Arts Council Provides Operational Support to Arts Organizations
Kentucky Arts Council recently awarded \$904,364 in matching General Operating Support Grants to enrich arts and cultural life across the Commonwealth.

(Frankfort, Ky.) - The Kentucky Arts Council approved panel recommendations for operational support funding for 61 non-profit organizations whose primary purpose is to provide year-round arts programs and services to benefit the public. The Arts Council's competitive General Operating Support I and II grant programs awards are based on the size of an organization's operating budget combined with their ability to meet to specific performance expectations in arts delivery, networking and collaboration, diversity, and promoting the value of the arts.

The reach of the General Operating Support Grant program is very broad both geographically and the type of arts and cultural programming the funding provides. Recipients have been awarded in 29 counties from Paducah to Pikeville, Covington to Somerset. Organizations, such as VSA arts of Kentucky based in Bowling Green, deliver the arts in programs across the state. Among the group of grantees are educational and training programs, performing arts presenters, visual and craft arts membership organizations, orchestras, choruses, theatre groups, dance ensembles, film societies, art museums, and community development programs.

The Kentucky Arts Council is a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet. Working in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Arts Council invests in programs that develop vibrant communities, provide lifelong education in the arts and support arts participation. Every \$1 in grant funds awarded by the Kentucky Arts Council helps grantees secure \$15 in earned income and matching funds from individuals, philanthropic sources and other levels of government.

EDITORS NOTE: FY2005 General Operating Support Grant recipients listed below.

General Operating Support I

COUNTY	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Boyd	Paramount Arts Center	88,714
Christian	Pennyroyal Arts Council	10,856
Clark	Winchester Council for the Arts	5,738
Daviess	Owensboro Dance Theatre	5,210
Daviess	Theatre Workshop of Owensboro	4,910
Daviess	RiverPark Center	78,978
Daviess	International Bluegrass Music Museum	10,104
Fayette	Kentucky Ballet Theatre	6,961
Fayette	Lexington Ballet Company	10,184
Fayette	Living Arts & Science Center	17,391
Fayette	Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra	6,714
Fayette	Lexington Philharmonic Society	60,298
Fayette	Actors' Guild of Lexington	15,429
Fayette	Lexington Art League	22,021
Fayette	Music Institute of Lexington	4,655
Fayette	Lexington Children's Theatre	38,372
Fayette	Lexington Shakespeare Festival	8,047
Fayette	Headley-Whitney Museum	18,128
Floyd	Jenny Wiley Theatre	30,642
Franklin	Frankfort Arts Foundation	4,151
Hart	Horse Cave Theatre	31,603
Henderson	Ohio Valley Art League	2,399
Jefferson	Walden Theatre	24,072
Jefferson	Portland Museum	12,315
Jefferson	Pleiades Theatre Company	2,431
Kenton	Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center	18,247
Kenton	Behringer-Crawford Museum	9,550
Kenton	Covington Community Center	6,229
Letcher	Appalshop	140,000
Madison	Richmond Area Arts Council	5,495
Madison	Berea Arts Council	3,903
Madison	Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen	9,354
McCracken	Museum of the American Quilter's Society	37,074
McCracken	Yeiser Art Center	4,368
McCracken	Market House Theatre	29,289
McCracken	Paducah Symphony Orchestra	14,350
McCracken	Paducah Film Society	3,577
Mercer	Ragged Edge Community Theatre	2,416
Montgomery	Montgomery County Council for the Arts	6,731
Pendleton	Kincaid Regional Theatre	3,183
Perry	Greater Hazard Area Arts Council	6,711
Pike	Appalachian Rural Cult. Heritage Ed. Init.	2,640
Trigg	Cadiz Community Art Center	2,852
Warren	Bowling Green-Western Symphony	3,805

Warren	Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra	4,258
Warren	Public Theatre of Kentucky	4,767
Warren	VSA arts of Kentucky	9,620
Warren	Capitol Arts Alliance	17,506
Wolfe	Wolfe County Arts Association	3,100
TOTAL		\$869,348

General Operating Support II

COUNTY	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Boyd	Artists in Concert	3,642
Boyd	Arts Council of Northeastern Kentucky	1,694
Calloway	Murray Civic Music Association	3,367
Crittenden	Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation	3,329
Franklin	Kentucky Alliance for Arts Education	3,305
Graves	Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild	3,441
Jefferson	Louisville Arts Council	3,341
Kenton	My Nose Turns Red Theatre Company	5,245
Oldham	Art! Art! Barking Dog Dance Company	1,398
Pike	Artists Collaborative Theatre	1,000
Pulaski	Watershed Arts Alliance	1,382
Whitley	Fine Arts Association of Southeastern Kentucky	3,872
TOTAL		\$35,016